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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE

REF: A) CAIRO 14094; B) KINSHASA 5632

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: ZAIRIAN PRESS REPORTED JUNE 8 THAT EGYPT
HAD PROVIDED MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE, PRIMARILY IN THE FORM OF
"HEAVY ARTILLERY," AS WELL AS OFFERING INSTRUCTORS TO TRAIN ZAIRIAN
TROOPS ON THE NEW EQUIPMENT. NO FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THE MATERIAL

AND OTHER ASSISTANCE WERE MADE AVAILABLE IN PRESS ACCOUNTS EXCEPT
THAT KINSHASA DAILY "ELIMA" CLAIMED EQUIPMENT HAD ALREADY ARRIVED
"LAST NIGHT" (JUNE 7-8).

2. PRESS ALSO REPORTED PLANNED JUNE 12 VISIT TO KINSHASA BY EGYPTIAN
FOREIGN MINISTER GHALI. ALTHOUGH NO DETAILS REGARDING THE PURPOSE OF
VISIT WERE GIVEN, GHALI IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH BOTH CIVILIAN AND
MILITARY AUTHORITIES TO DISCUSS THE SECURITY SITUATION IN SHABA.

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END UNCLASSIFIED.
3. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL: REF B REPORTED THAT GOE AGREED TO

PROVIDE ZAIRE/WITH SIX 122 MM HOWITZERS; 2,400 ROUNDS 122 MM
AMMUNITION; AND 15 INSTRUCTORS. DESPITE THE STATEMENT IN
"ELIMA",THIS EQUIPMENT HAS NOT YET ARRIVED IN ZAIRE. GOE
HAS ASKED US TO TRANSPORT MATERIAL (AND PRESUMABLY PERSONNEL

AS WELL) TO ZAIRE. EGYPTIANS HAVE ASKED THAT IT BE PICKED UP IN
MOROCCO AND MOVED ALONG WITH MOROCCAN CONTINGENT OF ALL-AFRICAN
PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR SHABA. ZAIRIAN PRESS ACCOUNTS MADE NO MENTION
OF
REQUESTED US ROLE IN DELIVERY OF MATERIAL. END CONFIDENTIAL.
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